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Announcing Our New Grantees!

On April 7, 2008, the annual announcements were made for this year's round of successful EPA Brownfields grant recipients. See the press release for [full details!](#)



Congrats to the Brownfields Team of the Year!

On March 19, 2008, EPA's Bob Varney and Ira Leighton announced that the winners of the 2008 OSWER National Notable Achievement Award for the national "Brownfields Team of the Year" are our own **Jim Byrne** and **Alan Peterson** of the Brownfields Section, along with **Nora Conlon** of our QA Section. The team was selected for their collaborative efforts to restructure, reorganize and reinvigorate the Brownfields Quality Assurance program, resulting in more efficient and better quality brownfields work performed in the Region by EPA's contractors and its grantees. **GOOD JOB!**



Coming up very soon is the National Brownfields Conference from **May 5 – 7, 2008** at Detroit Cobo Center, in Detroit, Michigan.

- On-Line Conference Pre-Registration is now closed; however, you can still register on-site at the Cobo Center starting on Sunday May 4, 2008. Go to the [web site](#) to learn more about on-site registration.
- Online registration for the Mobile Workshops and Walking Tours is now closed.
- Please feel free to call the toll-free number 1-877-343-5374 with any questions about the conference!



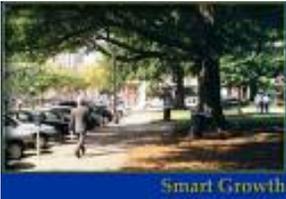
EPA Brownfields 2008 Awards Training

The EPA Brownfields team will hold information sessions for all of the recently-announced award winners, to help with forms and a workplan so that the funds can be received. **EVERYONE** who was awarded a grant this year needs to attend **ONE** of the three dates, even if you had a grant with us in the past. Sessions will be 8:30 am to noon on Monday **April 28**; Wednesday **April 30**; and Friday **May 2, 2008**. Location: [EPA Lab, Chelmsford, Mass.](#) If you haven't already done so, please e-mail [Jessica](#) with your attendees and date.



EJ Small Grants Program Funds Available

On April 8, 2008, the EPA announced the availability of funds for the 2008 Environmental Justice (EJ) Small Grants Program. The application closing date is **June 30, 2008**. In 2007, \$1 million was awarded among 20 entities - two in each EPA Region. See EPA's [EJ web site](#) for more details.



Free Smart Growth Technical Help is Available!

Are you trying to implement smart growth techniques? Are issues with policy and public engagement hampering your efforts? Do you need help?

The application period for the EPA Smart Growth Implementation Assistance Program is about to close. The last day for applications is **May 8, 2008**. Please [click here](#) for more information and application materials.

Experts will provide free technical assistance to communities, regions, or states, and will provide evaluation tools and expert analysis. Selected communities will receive assistance in the form of a multi-day visit from a team of experts organized by EPA and other national partners.



Nuts & Bolts of Redeveloping Brownfields

This training course addresses the issues and obstacles faced by Local Governments in redeveloping contaminated properties for productive reuse. Dates are **July 21 - 25, 2008**. Being held for the 4th consecutive year in Kansas City, Missouri, participants learn how many communities have overcome obstacles and stimulated successful redevelopment by characterizing and assembling parcels, cleaning up sites, and using public and private funds to attract redevelopment. The course fee is \$395 per participant, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Rooms are separate. Registration is now open and available on-line at [this website](#).



LID for Big Box Sites

Here's a good document that was produced by the Low Impact Development Center as guidance specifically for big-box retailers to show them (and jurisdictions that work with them) how they can use LID to make their sites more water-friendly. The LID Center partnered with Target Corporation in developing the document. You can see the document on the [LID Center's website](#).



Environmental Justice (EJ) is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Learn more at EPA New England's [EJ Website](#), and find out how to **receive a newsletter** at [EJ News](#).



New England States Brownfields Websites

Want a quick link to the Brownfields web sites of the various New England state governments, to see what's happening there? Click [CT](#), [MA](#), [ME](#), [NH](#), [RI](#), or [VT](#)!



30 Allen Street

Newest Success Stories

View the newest EPA Brownfields Success Stories by clicking on [Goodwin College, East Hartford, CT](#); [Knowles Mills, Richmond, RI](#); or [30 Allen Street, Somerville, MA](#).

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